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1. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, THE DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE
BASIC U.S. POSITION ON THE APPLICABILITY OF THE STANDARDS
CODE TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AS CONTAINED IN TPSC 77-27
AND, IN PARTICULAR, EMPHASIZE THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION.

2. IN ANY DISCUSSION OF MTN/AG/W/21, MAJOR POINTS AND
OBSERVATIONS MADE ON THE APPLICABILITY OF THE DRAFT

STANDARDS CODE TO AGRICULTURE, THE DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED
BY TPSC 77-53, NOTING THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS IN THE U.S.
POSITION THAT ARE CONTAINED IN TPSC 78-63, 78-47, 78-22
AND 77-67:

1.1.2, BACKGROUND AND 1.3.1, BACKGROUND -- UNITED STATES
BELIEVES CERTAIN IMPORTANT GATT RIGHTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED
IN THE CODE, E.G. U.S. PROPOSAL CONCERNING SECTION II(A)
(2)(B) WOULD INCORPORATE GATT ART. XX(B).

2.5, COMMENT AND 3.1.1.5.2, BACKGROUND -- THE UNITED STATES
BELIEVES THAT A POSITIVE OBLIGATION REGARDING PROCESSES AND
PRODUCTION METHODS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CODE SO THAT
THERE WOULD BE A BASIS FOR COMPLAINTS UNDER THE CODE'S
DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS.

3.1.1.1.7 -- QUARANTINE SYSTEMS MIGHT ALSO BE THE SUBJECT
OF COMPLAINTS, IF THEY CREATED UNNECESSARY OBSTACLES TO
INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

3.1.1.1.14 -- THE U.S. REP SHOULD QUERY AS TO WHAT "REA-
SONABLE STANDARDS APPROPRIATE TO THEIR STRUCTURAL SITUA-
TION" MEANS, AND ALSO NOTE THAT THE AIM OF THE CODE IS
NOT TO FACILITATE EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUT
RATHER TO ELIMINATE TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE BY WHICH
WE EXPECT TO FACILITATE TRADE.
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3.1.1.1.16 -- NOTE THAT THE U.S. IS CONSIDERING PROPOSING
LANGUAGE FOR A NATIONAL TREATMENT CLAUSE IN SECTIONS 2(A)
AND 4(A).

3.1.1.6.2 -- NO NEW NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE
ADDED TO THE CODE.

3.1.1.7.2 -- RETROACTIVITY PROVISION INCORPORATED IN CODE,
SECTION 19, MTN/NTM/W/150.

3.2 -- NOTE SHOULD BE TAKEN OF THE NORDIC PROPOSAL TO RE-
DRAFT SECTIONS 5 THROUGH 15 OF THE CODE.

3.2.1.1, BACKGROUND -- THE UNITED STATES CAN ACCEPT THE
NORDIC REDRAFT OF SECTION 6, WHICH INCORPORATES PARAS.
5(D) AND (E).

3.30, BACKGROUND -- NOTE CORRECTION THAT ADHERENTS WHO ARE
MEMBERS IN REGIONAL CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS THAT OPERATE
INCONSISTENTLY WITH THE CODE COULD BE SUBJECT TO COM- -
PLAINTS.

4.0 -- THE UNITED STATES HAS DEVELOPED SPECIFIC POSITIONS
ON THE PROVISIONS OF AND PROPOSALS FOR CHAPTER III (TPSC
78-63, 78-47, 78-22, 78-15) THE DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY
THESE.

3. IN ANY DISCUSSION OF THE STANDARDS CODE IN GENERAL,
THE U.S. REP SHOULD BE GUIDED BY TPSC 78-63, 78-47, 78-22,
AND 77-67. VANCE

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